

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9-11 and add new claims 13-19 as follows. Claims 1-8 and 12 remain unchanged but have been reproduced for the Examiner's convenience.

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1 1. An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:  
2 an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a  
3 user;  
4 a user-actuable input means in communication with said electronic  
5 gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and  
6 a game controller in communication with said user-actuable input  
7 means, said game controller initiating and simultaneously continuing play of multiple  
8 ones of said plurality of games in response to user activation thereof.

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1 2. A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, and further comprising  
2 a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to calculate a  
3 composite pay table corresponding to joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of  
4 said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.

1 3. A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein said composite  
2 pay table defines a new game.

1 4. A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said composite  
2 pay table defines a bonus table.

1 5. A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, and further comprising  
2 a network interface in communication with said game controller, enabling  
3 communication with said game controller from a remote location.

1 6. A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said remote  
2 location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1                   7.     A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a plurality of  
2     separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1                   8.     A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said composite  
2     pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic gaming devices.

1                   9.     (Amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
2     said user-actuatable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1                   10.    (Amended) A method of playing an electronic game comprising  
2     the steps of:

3                   selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games  
4     presented by an electronic gambling device;

5                   supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an  
6     additional game from said menu of said plurality of games; and

7                   initiating and concurrently playing said first and said additional games.

1                   11.    (Amended) A method of playing an electronic game according to  
2     Claim 10, and further comprising:

3                   providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and

4                   presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in  
5     the form of additional betting and winning opportunities.

1                   12.    A method of playing an electronic game according to Claim 11,  
2     and further comprising;

3                   establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling  
4     devices; and

5                   communicating said alternative pay table to said plurality of electronic  
6     gambling devices.

1                   13.    (New) A method for providing a plurality of electronic games on  
2     an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:

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3 providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each  
4 electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;  
5 receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;  
6 initiating play of the selected two or more electronic games; and  
7 playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially  
8 simultaneously.

1 14. (New) A method according to Claim 13, further comprising  
2 receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1 15. (New) A method according to Claim 14, further comprising  
2 determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based on the two  
3 or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected two or more games.

1 16. (New) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the determining  
2 a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based on the two or more  
3 games selected comprises determining the pay table based on the joint outcomes of the  
4 two or more games selected.

1 17. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the pay  
2 table calculator calculates the composite pay table is calculated using odds of the multiple  
3 ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for the multiple ones of  
4 said plurality of electronic games.

1 18. (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein at least  
2 one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1 19. (New) A method according to Claim 10, wherein at least one of the  
2 first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.